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BRC contributes to the inclusion of persons with diverse backgrounds and abilities in decision-making, advocacy and governance activities.

We invite you to review our first newsletter and share it with interested colleagues. Each month we will highlight a timely topic on human rights with resource materials in easy-to-use formats from our online media library.

Informed
Decision
Making

Effective
Governance

Our work helps increase the capacity of all people to be more self-determined and participate in their communities. We assist organizations meet the needs of people they serve through training, facilitation and multi-media tools.

Since 1994 BRC has assisted organizations transform leadership by their boards of directors so the broader community is better served.



BRC received a 2012 ClearMark Award of Distinction from the [Center for Plain Language](#) for its [Boards for All](#) website and webcast series.

What we believe



their communities.

People have a right to understandable information on issues important to their lives: health, rights, education, economic opportunity, self-protection and consumer services. Access to knowledge empowers people to improve their lives and contribute to

BRC library



Our online library contains multi-media tools that assist organizations and individuals improve quality of life and inclusive service practices.

Topic areas:

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Timely Topic



[Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)



In 2009 the U.S. signed the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD). It is the first human rights

treaty of the 21st century and first to address disability rights globally.

General principles include:

- Respect for dignity and individual self-determination
- Freedom to make one's own choices, and independence
- Full participation in society
- Respect for and acceptance of persons with disabilities
- Equal opportunity and accessibility

From the Field

CRPD Call to Action

Disability and civil rights leaders, parents, and self-advocates are urging their U.S. Senators to support the treaty now.

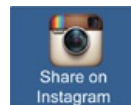


The [U. S. International Council on Disabilities](#) is working with the [Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund](#) and

disability organizations across the country to encourage people to contact their Senators. Senators are now back in session.

This is the time to contact them: call, email, or visit.

Make the disability voice heard!



[Secretary Kerry's new website](#)

[Secretary Kerry video statement](#)

USICD'S [New Materials for Advocates](#)

Contact egrant@usidc.org at USICD on ways to reach out to Senators. Learn more about the CRPD and educate your community, www.disabilitytreaty.org

Watch the video, spread the Word



BRC Library Feature

[BRC Videos](#)

Videos and easy-read CRPD materials

[U.N. Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities](#)

(VIDEO) A brief explanation of CRPD, this video highlights the global treaty that promotes and protects basic human rights of persons with disabilities.

[California Human Rights Forum: CRPD](#)

(VIDEO) California Department of Developmental Services - Consumer Advisory Committee hosted a statewide forum on CRPD.

[Living the Treaty: U.N. CRPD](#)

(VIDEO) With personal stories, California advocates with disabilities illustrate the importance of CRPD as applied to everyday life.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Join the petition – [CLICK HERE TO SIGN ON NOW!](#)

Read the article source: <http://disabilityorganizing.net/news-topics/?id=337>

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